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Indian Astrology

I would like to draw the attention of Indian readers to the generous offer of a reader on page 94. I hope there will be a good response.

This Spinning World

Lunations during this spring have shown a remarkable prominence of the planet Mars. Thus:

Lunation of March 5th .. ♂ exactly on the M.C.

Lunation of April 3rd .. ♂ on I.C. ♀ ☉ and ♀

Lunation of May 2nd .. ♂ on M.C.

These are at London.

In addition the Aries ingress shows ♂ on the I.C.

The prominence of Martian considerations in the world's councils has been obvious enough and it is probable that the presence of ♄ in ♍, the war sign, △ PL, has saved us from serious trouble. The heavy fall in sterling in early March coincided with the first of the above lunations, in which the Lights were in the 2nd ♀ ♀, and the same phenomenon probably caused the Greek revolt, Greece being often placed under ♀ (= Pallas Athene, the tutelary goddess of Athens). ♂ stationary □ PL accounts for the Indian riots.

Turning now to the phenomena of the three months now before us, the lunation of June 1st has ♂ exactly on the I.C., a position hardly reassuring, even though it is in trine to the Lights. ♄ now becomes prominent, being □ the ascendant of the figure. ♄ in 5th should help the markets to stand up against shocks.

The ∞ ingress (June 22nd) has some fairly attractive features. ♀ is near the ascendant, * ♂. ♄ is on the I.C., Δ ♃ * ♀. ☉ ♀ are * ♄. ♀ is Δ M.C. A much better period should now come into operation throughout the world.

This figure is supported by the eclipse map of June 30th. Here ♄ is on the nadir, but is * the Lights, which are also Δ ♃ and ♄. ♃ is ♂ ♀ but Δ ♄. ♂ is less to the fore than it has been for some months past.

Another eclipse ensues on July 30th; this is much less pleasant and is likely again to produce discord. It falls \square ♄ and ♂, which are in opposition. ♀ is with ♀, ♂ ♃. ♀ is ♂ PL. ♄ is in the 2nd fairly well aspected.

On August 29th we get a curious figure, with ♃ in 9th in ♋, opposite the place of the Lights, which are Δ ♄ rather close. ♀ is on the I.C. with ♀ and ♀. There is a close conjunction of ♂ and ♄ in ♍, very fortunately * ♀, which is, however, weak. This map seems to me to spell a good deal of deadlock, with strong efforts (Lights Δ ♄) to break through a static condition.

In sum, the quarter under review is likely to be unsettled politically but perhaps not so acutely as the March–April–May period. Business conditions ought to be prosperous in July, but this will hardly hold through the autumn months, which portend more difficulties.

The Aquarian Age

Mrs. Wardroper, who has frequently contributed letters to our correspondence pages, reminds me that Madame Blavatsky placed the beginning of the Aquarian Age in 1789. There seems little doubt that a fresh age of an ∞ character did begin about that time. The first definite sign of the coming era of science was, perhaps, Francis Bacon's *Novum Organum*, and during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries experimental science made steady progress. But something out of all ordinary experience certainly happened about the date mentioned above. There was the American

Revolution, followed by the French; there was the beginning of the Industrial Age and, in literature, the coming of Romanticism. It is true that the Victorian Age was in many respects strongly Saturnian, but Aquarius is, after all, ruled by that planet; and though we are apt to attribute to it many characteristics that are not Saturnian at all, yet the Saturn element in the sign is sometimes uncommonly strong.

Indeed, it is an open question whether a great deal of the "universal brotherhood" talk that is often so lavishly spread over Aquarius is not really due to Pisces, arising from the fact that, in those parts of the globe where astrology is most active, Aquarius on the ascendant usually means Pisces intercepted in the 1st house.

If we study people with the Sun or Moon in Aquarius we are quite likely to find that their attitude towards their fellows is what may be called "enlightened Saturnian." They are matter-of-fact and are devoid of snobbishness, because snobbishness is silly and artificial. They treat every man as an individual and not merely as the member of a class, in the class-conscious way that one associates with some signs. But the "every man is my brother" attitude is more Piscean than Aquarian. Aquarius is not a sign of fervent emotions at all.

Hence the popular talk of a sort of millenium that is to come in the Aquarian Age is quite out of touch with scientific facts, just as was the same sort of optimism that looked forward to wondrous alterations for the better when Uranus got into Aries. Aquarius, like other signs, has a good and a bad side to it. Or, if you prefer it, man can use or abuse Aquarius as he can use or abuse other signs.

From a purely astrological point of view the course of the Aquarian Age could best be determined if it were possible—which it is not—to consider the exact influences in force when the Age began. For example, at that moment of time it is possible that bodies in ♍ might have been in square to others in ♎—such a condition would readily account for some of the more

sanguinary features of the period since 1789. Again, the position of ♄ at that time would be important.¹

Intercepted Signs

The above remark about ♄ being intercepted in ♊ maps, leads me to point out that intercepted signs are so important that one is tempted to believe that the middle of a house may be its strongest point and therefore the point by which the identity of its ruler should be determined. Admittedly the sign on the cusp is strong, but it is very questionable whether, if the last 5°, for example, are on a cusp, the ruler of the sign to which they belong should be regarded as lord of a house which may easily contain the entire 30° of another sign.

If we use the Campanus system of house-division, as being the simplest in conception and the most logical, we shall find, at the latitude of London, that with from 10° to about 30° of ♊ on the ascendant, the mid-point of the 1st house² is in ♍, where it remains until about 9° ♄ has got on to the ascendant. This may account for the number of Aquarians that join the army, or display, in civilian life, a singular ferocity especially in political matters!

I have also noted quite a strong ♍ element in persons born under the end of ♄.

Of course one cannot rule out the importance of the ascendant or for that matter the M.C., but it is quite possible that the midpoints of the houses are also of distinct significance.

Astrological Confusionism

It is said that a Frenchman once described England

¹ Since writing the above I have received from a valued correspondent a copy of a letter sent to her from Greenwich Observatory, in which the statements made in the editorial of our September 1934 issue regarding the arbitrary character of the dimensions of the constellations are confirmed; further, it is there stated that, if we accept these arbitrary boundaries (*faute de mieux*) the vernal equinox will enter Aquarius in about 650 years.—ED.

² Considered by some who use the Campanus system as being the beginning of the 2nd house.

as a country wherein there were fifty different religions and only one sauce. It would seem that the British ability to differ on religious matters extends also to their astrology, for whilst the science in other parts of the world appears to keep fairly to type, we are at present desperately overrun in England with strange deviations from the accepted practices handed down to us from the past by such honoured men—or at any rate men deserving of honour—as Lilly, Gadbury, Sibley, and Leo.

I have always asserted the right of any astrologer to have his own views and I do not abate one jot of this contention now. If X wishes to say that Aquarius is ruled by Jupiter, or Y insists that we ought to use the constellations instead of the signs, or Z affirms that a map cast for a year before our birth is really quite as important as the natus itself, well, X, Y, and Z must be permitted to hold their strange notions.

Only sometimes I think it is rather difficult for the beginner, and I wonder what it will all lead to.

For my own part I call such tendencies *confusionist*. Just as one's faith in medicine is not fortified by the fact that two directly opposite schools, the allopathic and homeopathic, both claim to cure the same diseases, so the sceptic may well say that, since so few astrologers, at least in Britain, use the same methods, though all claim success, there must, in fact, be very little in any of it.

It is neither strange nor perhaps even regrettable that there should be *some* differences of opinion and practice, such as in the field of directions, where it has always been admitted that the traditional systems are more or less inadequate. But there is little reason to doubt that the main factors of astrology have been correctly recorded by the leaders of astrological thought throughout the ages and one can confidently assert that, if any wish to overthrow these, the burden of proof lies on them for their novel contentions; and it is not for us, who are, in a greater or less degree, guardians of the old tradition, to confute them.

It is one thing to develop fresh applications of

astrology (as has been done in the matter of symbolic directing), and it is another to attempt violently to overthrow the very foundations of what has been bequeathed to us.

I do not deny the *possibility* that even the foundations of our astrology are wrong, but what I do say is that we ought to insist on the most overwhelming evidence before we consider any such contentions.

C. E. O. CARTER.

THE RECENT COMPETITION

THIS seems to have been popular, for a most interesting number of entries resulted. Some, however, were hardly couched in aphoristic language, one was too negative, and one or two contained aphorisms with the correctness of which I could scarcely agree.

The prize goes to B. M. Heywood, of Finchley, for the following:

1. Good Librans supply the embroidery to the garment of life.
2. Leos give and don't take.
3. Capricorns take and don't give.
4. Neptunian affairs end in smoke.
5. Uranian affairs end like lightning.
6. Men with Venus in Pisces succumb to women's tears.
7. Women with Moon in Aries step in where angels fear to tread.

A second prize of one year's free receipt of the *Quarterly* goes to Esther Wood for the aphorisms below; I found it very difficult to decide between these two sets.

1. Pisces always shirks action in a crisis, and says: "Wait and see."
2. The conjunction of progressed Sun with radical Moon frustrates the main purpose of the life.
3. Mars in Sagittarius always puts a vein of fanaticism into the temperament.
4. An Aquarian ascendant rarely goes with success in life, though an Aquarian Sun often does so.
5. The rising of Neptune to the progressed ascendant always brings a new and important friendship.

6. Virgo seeks all the virtues on the physical plane.
7. Libra regards Pity as the highest form of Love.

I should place these from Vernita Churchill next, but I disagree with No. 7. I should think meanness in small matters is truer of Saturn in Virgo, but inasmuch as this position lasts some two years, it could hardly be *very* true of all the persons born during that period.

1. Slow Moon, slow brain.
2. Jupiter in Sagittarius always justifies itself.
3. Mars in Libra argues for arguing's sake.
4. Uranus conjunction Moon lives on the top note.
5. Venus conjunction Neptune is in love with love.
6. Neptune in 3rd house changes its name.
7. Saturn in Pisces is mean in small matters.

I like the following:

"Sagittarius gathers no moss, but it does see life."

"If anyone is wrong it is not Virgo."

"Sun conjunction Saturn has a dominating parent."

MRS. CHURCHILL.

This is certainly original and worth testing:

"Zero degrees on the cusps of the 5th or 9th offers the native a chance of escape from humdrum life."

C. T. HARRIS.

"An angular Uranus is common in the maps of vegetarians."

A. PARKES.

"Women with Neptune in the 4th have a great desire to beautify the home."

V. O. BICKFORD.

"Look for Rahu in the 10th, aspecting angles or planets, when planetary positions do not seem to justify the fame which has been attained; for notoriety expect Ketu in the 10th."

KATE HALLIDAY.

"Those who inherit or attain rank have a powerful Uranus, either by mundane position or aspect to the lord of the horoscope."

W. G. GILBY.

"Neptunians defy age: they are old in youth and young in old age."

EVA M. OWEN JOHNES.

I think it will be agreed that all the above are well

worth publishing, and I trust that all competitors will enter for the next trial. See below.

C. E. O. C.

A NEW COMPETITION

“My Worst Aspect and What it has Done to Me.”

IDEALLY no aspect is evil, though some teach hard lessons. But in the above competition those who enter are expected to treat the subject from the point of view of ordinary thought, rather than philosophically. The word “aspect” may here be taken to include positions also, e.g. Saturn exactly rising.

All attempts must include the complete data of birth of the competitor. They must arrive by August 1st next. My decision to be final. Prize: Free receipt of the magazine for three years.

Papers should be brief and concise, not exceeding in length 400 words.

From the point of view of the number of entrants the last Competition was a great success, the aphorisms sent being also extremely interesting. I hope this new one, offering as it does a fine opportunity to “let off steam” (to most of us a pleasant and salutary exercise), will be equally popular.

C. E. O. C.

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By MRS. J. NORMAN RHODES

THE state of Europe is still critical, and remains so for the next three months. At times the tension will become acute, as it has been on more than one occasion during the last six months.

The two planets, ♃ and ♀, in harmonious aspect during the year, with ♃ Δ ♃ in June and July, hold a steadying influence in a crazy, sick world; and but for these configurations there would be little hope

The Stresa Conference (April 11th, 10.30 a.m.) began under very uncertain conditions. There was at first an atmosphere of doubt and pessimism as to the result ($\odot \angle \text{h} \square \text{PL} \text{g} \text{g}, \text{d} \square \text{w}$ applying, while h ruler of the 7th house was situated in the 9th, opposing ψ in 3rd). This latter aspect not only created anxiety in the minds of the negotiators, but was conducive of uncertainty and indefinite results. The final achievement was more promising than could be expected, especially the last-minute compromise on Germany's part over the Eastern Pact, to which she agreed under restricted conditions.

The chief feature of the conference, which will have far-reaching results, is the strengthening of the bond between Britain, France, and Italy.

The following week at Geneva (commencing April 15th) seemed to undo the good work achieved at Stresa, as the "condemnation note" to Germany reproving her for the conscription decision of March 16th has brought about strained relations again, Germany's note in reply expressing indignation at being judged by the League of Nations; and so the swing of the pendulum goes on, first better, then worse, then better again, but with anxiety as to the next move.

Recalling his rôle of Peace Ambassador for Britain, it is interesting to glance at the forces at work on Sir John Simon's birthday (February 28, 1873). The \odot d and g were in x , unless he was born late in the day; in that case the d would have reached v . \odot and g were in Δ to $\text{g} \text{m}$; indicating more acuteness and constructiveness than three planets in x suggest, for Pisces usually works for peace or on peaceful and mediatory lines. $\text{d} \text{x}$ is \ast to $\text{h} \text{v}$. ψ and q were in conjunction in v in Δ to $24 \text{ } \Omega$, which gives him high ideals to be worked for. h and w are in opposition. The map on the whole is harmonious, yet not lacking in courage and firmness where necessary. If there is any possibility of finding a common ground for negotiating, the possessor of these configurations is the one to achieve it.

Herr Hitler will be under some powerful transits this year, for as well as the ♂ over ascendant and ♄ , there will be ♄ \times close to his \odot , and during July it will be fairly near the Δ of his ♃ and ♅ in ♊ . The transit of ♄ which fell on his birthday, April 20th, coincided with the strong note of protest to the League and the thirteen Powers. His Point of Life at forty-six will be conjunction ♄ (November to January 1936). So there are no less than three strong contacts with ♄ this year, giving more force to his autocratic ideas. It is just possible he may overreach himself.

During June and July we have to encounter three eclipses—two solar and one lunar. As previously mentioned, there are five solar eclipses this year. The last time this occurred was in 1823, when the Government, people, and workers were all disturbed, strikes and poverty were much in evidence, as an outcome of new conditions and the effect of machinery replacing hand labour. History repeats itself to some extent, but with the difference of a century of so-called civilization added.

The partial solar eclipse of June 30th, as mentioned earlier in this article, is mostly favourable and would indicate a good time to arrange peaceful measures. We can only hope the opportunity will be used to this end. Harmonious influences will sweep over the earth, affecting men's minds and actions pacifically. The sextile to ♄ will coincide with an extra spurt of energy to augment the air force.

Unfortunately this well aspected map is followed by the total eclipse of ♃ on July 16th, which is the reverse of favourable.

Ω 2.36 rises and the ruler in ♊ 22.43 is situated in the 12th house, with PL ♊ 25 and ♄ ♊ 2. The 6th house is occupied by the ♃ ♊ 22.43. ♂ ♊ 23 is in the 4th in square to all three. The latter position will cause fires and explosions; strikes and crime will be in evidence, especially in mining areas. The whole situation of Europe will undergo a sudden change for the worse, and inflammatory speech and action will be the order of the day, causing the overthrow of Governments and

chances of civil war. There will be secret underhand influences to contend with both at home and abroad. The health of the nation will suffer, and workers will be discontented, while the Government suffers from adverse criticism. Affairs in Austria will be insecure and questions relating to her independence will arouse suspicion and discord.

July will be a very critical month. The partial eclipse of ☉, July 30th, continues the difficulties ahead. The beginning of \approx rises and the eclipsed ☉ ♌ 6.17 falls close to the 11th cusp and squares ♄ 8 5.27 in the 8th house; it is leaving the square of ♃ ♌ 0.23, but applying to the square of ♃ ♌ 13.57, and has no good aspects to support it. Falling as it does in the 11th house for both Britain and France, there are grave fears for the death of a prominent statesman; the Governments will undergo drastic changes, and a state of surprising storm and stress will be encountered.

Unfortunately the eclipse falls quite near to our King's ♃ ♌ 5.35. So we may be drawn to defend our honour, and exercise our energy in war councils. The eclipse is exactly in conjunction with Mussolini's ☉ and ♀. France gets the brunt too, very seriously; many of her hopes and wishes will be frustrated, and Italy's also. With fixed signs operating, there will be a grim tussle between opponents in many spheres of action. Earthquakes are likely to continue. The disastrous one in Formosa occurred when ☉ conjoined ♄ in 8. This eclipse will unhappily cause great strain both upon the earth's surface and below. Volcanic eruptions are possible.

The air arm now becomes an urgent necessity.

Between July 30th and August 8th some air accidents are probable as ♃ ♌ 5.31 reaches the ♄ of ♄ 8 5.31. This aspect will prolong the already unsteady, inflamed state of the world, causing strikes, insurrection, and violent disagreement; bloodshed will occur where rioters get out of hand.

Ireland will feel the force of this aspect, not only because of ♄ in 8, but Mr. de Valera's map has many planets in 8 ♌, and although not exact at the

time of the opposition, later in the month (August 29-30) δ transits his \mathfrak{D} and opposes Ψ . Labour troubles will not be easy to handle.

Fortunately, soon after this violent contact, δ reaches the Δ of \mathfrak{h} , which will have a more calming effect; but I doubt if it is enough to outweigh the previous heavy influences for disruption; yet with the help of $\mathfrak{h} * \mathfrak{H}$ some easing down of the tension is expected.

On August 26th δ δ \mathfrak{L} will add to the general excitement. There will be feverish speculation, especially in steel; trade will increase in the manufacture of this metal and there will be a boom in the commodity, due no doubt to the speeding up of aircraft. Heat and thunderstorms will be frequent.

America will come in for her share of the general unsettled conditions. The doubt and uncertainty brought about by \mathfrak{h} δ Ψ in labour affairs will affect that country more than most, and President Roosevelt will find it difficult to carry out his plans. Ψ transits his ascendant and \mathfrak{h} transits his 7th house.

The picture in front of us is not pleasant, and the coming three months will call for calmness, combined with vigour, patience, and courage, from all men at the heads of nations. They will have to decide how to act in a time of urgent necessity.

Written April 27th.

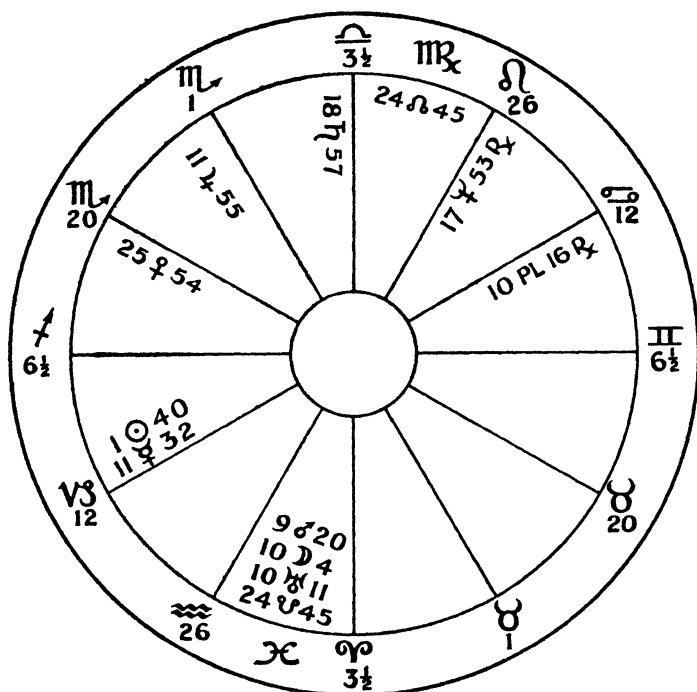
THE LAW OF COMPENSATION

By MABEL BAUDOT

UNDER the northern slope of one of the loveliest of the Sussex Downs lies Danny Park, the estate of Colonel Campion. The old Tudor manor house, with its façade in the shape of a capital \mathbf{E} , in compliment to Gloriana, is framed in secular trees, and the home farm nestles at the very foot of the hill. The entire landscape is one of perfect pastoral beauty, of a peculiarly restful quality. It seems to be the embodiment of Tennyson's phrase, "An ancient haunt of peace."

Yet even among these aromatic pines and winding lanes bordered with wild flowers, tragedy rears its head, and in a most poignant manner, for the protagonist in this instance is a child. Pity inevitably goes out to one smitten in the very cradle.

The genial Sussex landowner, who was Governor of



Horoscope referred to in the accompanying article, cast for 6.10 a.m., G.M.T., December 24, 1922, 50° 57' N., 1° 13' W. Cusps according to the system of Placidus.

New South Wales during the War, has in his employ a head gamekeeper, a man of a kindly and obliging disposition, married, and inhabiting a quaint little house hidden in the heart of the coppices, a place which has a fantastic resemblance to the fairy-tale cottage of Hansel and Gretel. The horoscope under examination is that of the twelve-year-old son of Miles, the gamekeeper.

This little lad might have exclaimed with one of Shakespeare's characters, "My stars shine darkly over

me!" for the difficult planetary configuration here took effect the hour after his birth.

Miles and his pretty dark-haired young wife were then living at Bishop's Waltham, near Southampton, in a small house on the estate of a titled man, in whose employ he was at the time, and on December 24, 1922, the baby was born. There was no water laid on either in or near the cottage, and Miles volunteered to fetch some for the doctor in attendance from the nearest well, some five or six minutes distant. Just before he left the living-room on the ground floor he observed that the doctor had placed the newly born child in a large armchair by the fire. The medical man himself was upstairs with the young mother. As he left the room some impulse prompted Miles to cover the little one's face with a handkerchief. He then darted out to procure the water.

In less than twelve minutes from that moment the poor man returned, to be assailed by a heart-rending spectacle, which he declared later that he will never forget until his dying day. During his absence the infant had rolled out of the chair and fallen partly into the fire blazing on the hearth. As the weather was cold, the logs had been piled up generously and there was a strong blaze.

The unfortunate child, when picked up by the father, was found to be burned all down the left side, from his cheek to his ankle. If the gamekeeper had not protected his skin to some extent with the large handkerchief, the face would have become unrecognizable. As it was, the linen afforded some slight screen and the facial injuries were not as deep as they would otherwise have been. The doctor, summoned hastily, administered what aid he could, but the damage was done. The shock to the infant's nervous system was so great that the little brain never recovered from it, and to this day his mentality is that of a child of about four or five years of age. He has learned to speak a little, but haltingly and sometimes indistinguishably.

The chart shows peculiar aspects, the most fatalistic being the trio of planets in Pisces in the 3rd house.

The cadent houses always indicate a falling-off of some kind, and are the weakest in the map where fate is concerned. In these spheres are no less than four bodies, with the Moon's nodes in addition. The trio of planets consists of Moon, Mars, and Uranus, all in the closest possible proximity, squaring the sensitive rising degree, and in Pisces, the sign of sorrow and imprisonment. Here it is "a spirit in prison" which looks forth from the scorched eyelids of the poor little boy. His eyelashes were burned away and have never grown since the hour of the accident. The Sun is unsuspected, except for a distant opposition to Pluto.

The lunar orb and Mars in conjunction usually introduce difficulties of some kind connected with fire and water. The lunar cold and the intense martial heat seem to produce events or bring about conditions over which the subject has little or no control at the time, and when to these two adversaries Uranus adds his dynamic force, the planets, like the gods of ancient Greece, appear to play with loaded dice.

Even the details of the affair can be traced in this map, for the three bodies are in Pisces, and lack of water was the primary cause of the tragedy. They are all in the 3rd house, and it is noteworthy that the gamekeeper had to make a short journey to obtain a bucketful. They all throw a malefic ray to the rising degree in fire, and, most striking of all, this degree is in very close proximity with Antares, the fixed star in Sagittarius 8°. Again and again this last influence tells out balefully in accidents connected with fire, and also with gunshot wounds.

The three unfortunate planets meet the close trine of Pluto in Cancer, the sign of the home, where the affair occurred, and although he is on the cusp of the 8th he is strongly sustained by the good vibrations and mitigates matters to some extent, as the child is fairly healthy and apparently feels no pain from his disaster.

Yet this grand trine between Jupiter, Mars, and Pluto, taking the Moon and Uranus in its sweep, seems to corroborate Mr. Carter's contention that the grand trine is not always good.

To all intents and purposes this triple ray should be one of a decidedly propitious kind. That it is not so is one of the yet unsolved mysteries of astrology.

Fortunately it is not consistently evil, for, although the trine could not prevent the accident, it has bestowed upon the boy the inestimable boon of kind, attentive, and affectionate parents, whose devotion to him knows no limit. It is truly beautiful to see the unflagging care and tenderness bestowed by them upon the victim of the fire.

When the child was six years old his father left Bishop's Waltham to become head gamekeeper at Danny Park, and the sheltered position and soft sunshine helped to strengthen Leonard physically, and there was even a slight brightening of his intelligence.

But the triumph of good over evil in this case of affliction is so apparent that it constitutes not only beauty but inspiration in itself. If it were not for this, the effect on those who meet the Mileses would inevitably recall the Greek definition of tragedy—"the attempt to purge the heart through pity and terror." The pity would lie in one's feelings for the parents—and the terror in the reflection that the boy was thus marked by fate at the very hour when his soul surged "out of the deep" to the quiet country cottage.

Leonard is a very amenable child, easy to control, with little or no temper. Even through the brand of the fire, traces of the genial and kindly Sagittarian ascendant are visible. He is affectionate, as shown by the Moon's fine trine to his ruler, and smiles and laughs delightedly when attention is paid to him. He remarked that a certain visitor who had been kind to him "looked like Gracie Fields!" He trots about all day after one or other of his parents, quite contented in his own way; is able to understand simple requests and injunctions, and brings tools to his father while work in the garden is proceeding. Of course he is not allowed even in the lanes alone, being quite unable to determine whether a vehicle is coming or going. The Pisces planets, and the general watery trend of the horoscope, cause him to be somewhat susceptible to chills.

There is a beautiful sextile between the Piscean Moon and Mercury, strongly supported by Uranus also. It is possible, judging from the aspects of these planets, that the child has a deep inner life of a sort not translatable to this plane. The triple trine of Moon, Mars, and Uranus to the mystic Pluto on the cusp of the 8th in Cancer, nearly all influences from dominions of water, leads to this impression.

The 8th house being the sphere of both destruction and regeneration may quite conceivably obscure the outlook on this world, but throw open magic casements on to fairer scenes.

No one can tell

By what eternal mountains
Or what ethereal streams

this intellect may wander, especially as strange mental escapes are hinted at in Mercury's peculiar and direct opposition to Pluto.

In addition to this, Pluto rules the child's 12th house, the ultimate sphere in which all causes and effects seem to be shadowed forth in marvellous sequence. In the sign of the Scorpion we find Venus, in square to Neptune retrograde, also in the 8th, so that these two houses are strongly interblended. It would appear that when the moral order of the universe has been interrupted by human will and made to sound discords instead of concord, through ignorance or evil, the harmonizing of the harsh notes has to be adjusted in these watery dominions of mystery.

The position of the planet of fate itself, Saturn, is of paramount importance here. He is exalted in the sign of the Balance, in the high mountain of the midheaven, leaving the square of Pluto, which seems to point to the shape of things that were.

One of Leonard's salient characteristics is an intense love of music. Directly he hears melody of any kind he listens entranced.

Literature does not exist for him, as he is unable to memorise letters, although books with pictures interest him greatly. School will not even fill a short space in his life, having been tried once or twice and resulting in complete failure. But music claims his allegiance and

many happy hours are passed in listening to the radio which his father constructed with a view to giving him pleasure.

The trine between his ruler and the Moon, and also the aspects of Venus to the Moon's nodes, help to account for this attraction.

Even a small musical instrument which was bestowed upon him caused the keenest delight, and the game-keeper afterwards said to the donor of the toy: "He takes it up every evening and has a go at it with great joy!"

The father is partly shown by the planets in Capricorn, which often show an earthy calling and a life passed in woods and fields, and also partly by Saturn in Libra. In spite of his avocation, he is a very humane man, with a singularly kindly smile, and speaks with the soft, slow drawl of the Midlands, whence he hails.

The child's mother seems to be indicated by the Moon in Pisces and also very largely by Venus in Scorpio. Venus in this sign often bestows beauty of appearance, and she is a very pretty woman, dark and vivid-looking, with brilliant brown eyes, graceful figure, and a pleasant and welcoming manner. The Piscean Moon being so near Mars and Uranus accounts for her quickness and liveliness of disposition. One of the keenest pleasures of both the parents is to take Leonard out in a side-car, for the purchase of which many economies were made over a long space of time. The boy revels in these spins, as might be expected from the planets in the house of short journeys.

The web of our lives is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together.

One reflects upon the words of the magician Shakespeare when seeing this child and studying the zodiacal wheel which represents his fate in life. A terrible mischance at its opening page, but also an atmosphere of affection, unfailing kindness, and the deepest solicitude. The law of compensation is here manifest in all its potency.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—This case may be compared with several in *The Astrology of Accidents*. Piscean afflictions seem to warn against the danger of accidents in infancy with fire or hot water, often due to the neglect or error of the attendants.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS IN SECONDARY DIRECTIONS AND TRANSITS

By S. A. SANDERS

THIS year has been a puzzling year to me from a directional standpoint, and although the events in our family life were indicated in my wife's directions, I could not get my own directions in line with them.

Special events and conditions have happened this year (1934) that called for an intense search for appropriate indicators; and it so chanced that events gave me the time and opportunity to make this search.

It had been in my mind for a number of years past to make an investigation into *pre-natal transits*. By this I mean—to examine the planets' places for the same number of years, months, and days before birth as the event took place after birth.

For example: Lady born December 31, 1887, London. Married December 17, 1909, at the age of 21 years 11½ months. Now 21 years 11½ months before December 31, 1887, takes us back to mid-January, 1866, when ♃ was near her ☉ in 10° ♊, and at the Solar Revolution for the following year (i.e. 23rd year pre-natal) the ☉ was exactly in conjunction with ♃, thus showing the expansion in her life.

At the end of October 1918 she was seriously ill, and at the same time lost her eldest son through the influenza epidemic that was raging at that time.

The age for this event was 30 years 10 months.

This period of time before birth takes us back to February 1857, and there we find that ♃ was near the opposition of her ☉, it having been then stationary in 7½° ♉.

In my own case, on looking up the various events in my life, I had several surprises which have made me a firm believer in the power of these pre-natal transits. My birth took place 7.37 a.m., August 2, 1885, London, the ☉ being in 10° ♏.

I lost my eldest boy at the end of October 1918, my age being 33 years 3 months.

The same time before birth takes us to April 1852, when δ was over my \odot in $10^\circ \Omega$, and h was in square to both. There was much trouble about this time, and I was frequently visiting a hospital, ψ being in $11^\circ \times$ opposed to my ascendant, and a short time previously it had been stationary there. I lost a good situation in April 1912—this by the same means is equal to January 1859, when h was in $11^\circ \Omega$, transiting my \odot .

These few examples should be sufficient to prove that there is power in these transits, and that they must be taken into consideration on all occasions (but without attributing to them the power of a primary direction). They time and intensify a primary or secondary direction in the same manner that ordinary transits do.

In the same manner do we find that pre-natal lunations act—for a lunation in opposition to my daughter's \odot showed the loss of her employment.

These pre-natal transits, lunations, and solar returns are very easily calculated, and people up to the age of forty will have no difficulty in seeing them by the condensed ephemerides that are to be purchased, one of these being *Waite's Compendium*, a very useful little work.

Previous to 1850 an ephemeris will be needed for the year under consideration.

These pre-natal transits are in fact quite simple for the younger students of astrology to use, but to the older ones they are more difficult to find because many of the ephemerides are out of print.

In this year (1934), during June, I had a good time when 24 transited my \odot by a pre-natal transit, and it was to this that I attributed a better time earlier in the year; but events have so happened that I was forced to rule out the power of 24 by this transit as being the indicator of the conditions, for I wanted something with much greater force than a transiting planet.

The year has been for me alternately hot and cold, cold and hot, as if these were two forces at work of e qualities.

The earlier part of the year brought good health and good business, and in March and April a short prosperous time was brought about by increased earning capacity.

In May I had an attack of influenza that lasted three weeks, then, on returning to my occupation, I had another good month or so; then business turned slack and brought some adverse changes that ruined our chance for a holiday; then in September things brightened up again and showed promise for another nine months, when to my dismay I had a slight accident that poisoned my finger (when ♂ by transit passed over my ☉), and I have been unable since to follow my employment.

During my enforced rest, at the earliest opportunity I commenced a search for astrological indications for the ups and downs of this year, and I am confident that what I found were the true indicators of the year's events and conditions.

The general rule to progress a horoscope is to cast a horoscope for as many days after the birthday as the subject is old in years; this is the "day for a year" method, and we use the ☉ in this new figure to aspect the planets in the figure of birth, and also the planets in the new figure. The close and exact aspects of the progressed ☉ to the radical and progressed planets we consider to influence that year of life for which our calculations are made. These directions, being very powerful, seldom pass without some marked event occurring.

There are many of us older students of astrology who, seeing that this is not sufficient for a satisfactory knowledge of future conditions, have proven that "the day for a year" system is just as valid if taken *before* birth, this figure being known as the pre-natal progressed horoscope,¹ the difference being that the solar directions of the pre-natal figure are not as powerful in effect as the solar directions of the ordinary progressed horoscope.

11. This gives us two figures from which to see future

¹ Not, of course, connected with the pre-natal epoch.

conditions, and it is much superior to the one figure taken alone.

The method I am going to employ here is to take the solar directions alone, by using every aspect major and minor with all the parallels of declination. This is a simple and safe system and is reliable, as far as it goes, for the aspects of the two methods are certain to show out in some way or other; that there is a deficiency in this system I have been aware for many years past, just as I have been aware of the lack in other systems of prognostication.

I have been aware of a system of cross aspecting for many years past, but I have never got any really good evidence of the power of such directions when I applied the system to the progressed horoscope, and I did not pursue this research very far. But a few years ago, in the *B.J.A.*, Mr. E. H. Bailey in one of his delineations used these cross aspects between the post-natal progressed figure and the pre-natal progressed figure.

He referred to these aspects once, but I never read any more references to them from his pen; this led me to think he had given them up.

I have had occasion to revise this system of cross aspecting as the result of this year's events in my own life; and the subsequent research in the maps of many of my acquaintances has given me proof of their validity and confidence in their power to produce events; and now I will explain more fully what this system of cross aspecting is, and how it is to be employed.

The progressed Suns alone of the two figures are employed—that is, the ☉ in the ordinary progressed horoscope and the ☉ in the pre-natal progressed horoscope. The Moon's aspects and the interplanetary aspects are not considered in this system, to simplify matters. I will call the radical horoscope "R."

The post-natal or ordinary progressed horoscope I will call "A," that is "*after*" birth.

The pre-natal progressed horoscope I will call "B," that is "*before*" birth.

By ordinary methods we aspect the ☉ in the "A" figure to planets in the "R" map, and also to planets in the "A" map.

In the same manner we aspect the ☉ in the "B" figure to planets in the "R" map, and also to planets in the "B" map.

These rules simplified become:—

- No. 1. "A" ☉ to "R" planets.
2. "A" ☉ to "A" planets.
3. "B" ☉ to "R" planets.
4. "B" ☉ to "B" planets.

This is the ordinary method of progression and the additional method I have to bring forward is that the ☉ in the "A" figure is made to aspect planets in the "B" figure, and the ☉ in the "B" figure is made to form aspects with the planets in the "A" figure.

Simplified this becomes:—

- No. 5. "A" ☉ to "B" planets.
6. "B" ☉ to "A" planets.

This gives us two additional aspecting points, which is equivalent to another horoscope.

Now I will give you an example of this cross aspecting from my own map (data above).

My progressed ☉ for August 1933 to August 1934 is in $26\frac{1}{2}$ to $27\frac{1}{2}$ ♍, not in aspect to any radical or progressed planet. Now, if we turn to June 15th, the pre-natal progressed horoscope, we find that ♄ is in $27^{\circ} 20' \Pi$, going back to $27^{\circ} 12' \Pi$. ♀ is $27^{\circ} 33' 10$ to $26^{\circ} 50' 8$, the difference being the day's (= year's) motion.

If we reduce all these figures to February 1934 we shall have the motions of the planets, and they become:—

- "A" ☉, 27.0 ♍ increasing in longitude.
- "A" ☉, 1.12 N. declination.
- "B" ♄, 27.16 ♐ decreasing in longitude.
- "B" ♀, 27.13 ♏ decreasing in longitude.
- "B" ♄, 1.9 N. declination;

and so from these positions we find that the \odot in \mathfrak{M} is in square to $\mathfrak{h} \Pi$, in trine to $\mathfrak{g} \mathfrak{B}$, and in parallel to $\mathfrak{H} \simeq$, which simplified becomes:—

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{"A"} \odot \square \mathfrak{h} \text{"B"} \\ & \text{"A"} \odot \triangle \mathfrak{g} \text{"B"} \\ & \text{"A"} \odot \text{par. } \mathfrak{H} \text{"B."} \end{aligned}$$

These directions so well fit the year that I unhesitatingly accept these mixed directions as an integral part of the secondary system.

I will explain more fully how these directions operated in the year under review.

The planet \mathfrak{h} is placed in the 10th, and rules my 5th and 6th houses.

From August 1933 to August 1934 we had much sickness in the house, my two youngest children going down with colds, my youngest having many teeth extracted, and a few weeks later an operation upon her tonsils. My wife had a very bad time nursing this child after the operation, but she was well by Christmas. An elder girl became unemployed and did nothing for many weeks round about Christmas. Another youngster was very ill in February, and I had three weeks away from my employment through influenza. The $\odot \square \mathfrak{h}$ measures exact for this illness, and in September I had the accident above mentioned which resulted in a septic finger.

The $\odot \mathfrak{M}$ and $\mathfrak{h} \Pi$ indicates hands and arms, and it is the finger of \mathfrak{h} that is affected. This, up to the present, has lasted ten weeks.

\mathfrak{H} added its adverse influence by bringing about unexpected changes; it broke up partnerships, being in \simeq , and developed every event quickly and unexpectedly, though these \mathfrak{H} matters were of minor importance.

The $\odot \triangle \mathfrak{g}$ brought an increase of wages when the aspect was exact, some very busy times, periods of very good health, and sufficient energy to hold my own when occasion demanded.

These directions were such that the whole of the year's events and conditions could have been accurately foretold, and subsequent research into some

maps of acquaintances and relatives brought further proof for the reliability of these directions when we know what to expect and how powerfully or otherwise they are likely to operate.

Investigations have shown that the most powerful directions in the secondary system of directions are those of the "A" ☉ to "R" planets. These strong aspects operate upon mankind in a most powerful manner, and never fail to influence the life, turning or throwing it off its course by great changes, especially when the stronger planets and aspects are involved. They show the passing in or the passing out of the life of someone who has been closely associated with the native, such as husband, wife, or partner, or brothers and sisters, when young. There may be journeys abroad or emigration, changes of residence when not frequent, changes in the career or occupation when not frequent, death of parents when it breaks up the home, joining of the national services, very serious and prolonged illnesses, serious accidents, and death.

The ante-natal or converse Sun's aspects are not so powerful in effect, with perhaps the exception of the opposition of ☉ to ♀ and ♂, and, in some cases the square, but the events in general are weaker, seeming to have an influence upon side issues of the life where there is not so much personal inconvenience or benefit, minor alterations and changes in the occupation and in domestic affairs, illnesses of medium duration, the coming and going of people in the residence and occupation, and events that are not so important nor so lasting.

The third series, or the cross-aspecting series, is still weaker in effect. The most powerful of the aspects are all that need be noted here.

These directions have much to do with the ups and downs of life in the ordinary way, the busy times, the slack times, interruptions, pleasures, side issues, and events that occur to those around one. They show temporary success, annoyances, hindrances, and pleasures—nothing permanent, but things of short duration.

Another way to illustrate the power of the different classes of directions is to give to the Sun's aspects in the "A" figure to radical planets the power of ten. To the "B" \odot we will give the power of seven, and to the cross-aspecting \odot we will give the power of five, making these directions about half the power of the \odot in the "A" figure.

In all cases the "A" \odot is more powerful than the "B" \odot when progressed.

The sextile aspect of all series sometimes fails to deliver the goods; it shows promise, and it gives mental satisfaction, but often it does not materialize. This applies mainly to the "B" \odot . This can also be said of the semisquare and the sesquiquadrate, these aspects having little power with the "B" \odot , so that they can be ignored except when in aspect to \oint or h .

All aspects to the radical planets are the strongest in influence, but all the adverse aspects to h act with strong influence, the opposition and square being more powerful than the conjunction; and the same with \oint .

The good aspects to $2\downarrow$ have been greatly overrated.

He rules the social and religious spheres, and gives prosperous periods, with good business and many friends and helpers. $\odot \triangle 2\downarrow$ is the best aspect.

The adverse aspects are not greatly to be feared, but they tend to stop all progress and expansion by leading one along the wrong road, and by giving one fruitless work and business that does not pay.

FOOD HABITS OF THE SIGNS

By E. M. PIAGGIO

THE question of the food habits and requirements of the signs is of more than academic importance for those who control the family catering, especially where children or invalids are concerned. Diet has not yet been studied long enough, in England at any rate, to permit

of reliable conclusions being placed before the public, and if it had been, such conclusions could be of only a very general nature. The more enlightened physicians now recognise that in illness it is the patient who must be studied rather than the disease, and that every case is a special case. In the everyday diet of healthy people, this principle is not yet recognised; foods are still spoken of as "good" or "bad," and the daily quantity of calories required by a man, a woman, or a child confidently stated, though the figures given by the different investigators do not always agree. The only distinction recognised by these food experts is in the matter of occupation—a navvy is allowed more protein than a professional man—but women and children are, apparently, expected to be constant to the requirements laid down for them, whatever their type. The occupational distinction would be more useful if all men were in the occupations best suited to their physique, temperament, and abilities; as it is evident they are not, occupation can scarcely be taken as a safe guide to diet.

If astrology is invoked, it must still be remembered that every case is a special case. A horoscope is as much a unity as the individual to whom it relates, and it must be studied as such, or the enquirer will be led astray. These general suggestions as to the food habits of the signs, therefore, should not be accepted or applied otherwise than generally.

Unless a horoscope shows a marked bias, through a satellitium of planets or a preponderance of one element, the rising sign and the Moon's position will probably give the strongest indication of the food habits and requirements. The rising sign shows the native's attitude to the external world; the Moon represents the instinctive self, and plays a large part in regulating the assimilation of food and the growth. The position of Cancer, the sign governing the stomach, must also be taken into consideration, especially if tenanted. Aspects to Jupiter will affect both the quantity of food desired and its effect on the liver, an important factor in digestion.

Speaking generally, then, earth needs plenty of solid food, but not as much as it thinks it does. Fire needs strong food and more thought in the selection of it. Air needs little food but a great deal of attention to the circumstances in which it is eaten. Water needs more liquid than the other elements, and also more common sense in its eating. The fixed and cardinal signs need a larger quantity than the mutable signs of the same element; earth and fire, being physical, need more than air and water. Virgo, Gemini, Cancer, Aquarius, and Pisces are the most easily put off their food; Aries, Taurus, and Capricorn are more concerned with quantity than quality.

If the rising sign and the Moon's sign are both among those which are very susceptible to outside influences, their natural food habits will probably be overridden by the stronger constituents of the horoscope, especially if these are found in fire or earth. In such cases the conflict will result in imperfect metabolism, with the health troubles that usually accompany it.

Planets in the first house, especially if in a susceptible sign, will show their influence in the food habits, according to their nature. The Sun, Mars, and Uranus have the same requirements as fire, Venus, Saturn, and Jupiter have those of earth, Neptune of water, and Mercury of air. The Moon in the first house takes the colouring of the sign in which it is placed.

Aries, as might be expected of the most active and muscular sign of the zodiac, requires plenty of tissue-repairing and energy-producing food (proteins and carbohydrates). It has few fads in the matter of food, liking most things, and is usually very ready to try new dishes. It eats too quickly and too carelessly, uses too many condiments and has too great a liking for strong flavours; but as a rule it has a digestion of iron, cannot see any need for discrimination in eating, and laughs at diet rules and régimes. It seldom over-eats, as it needs a good deal to maintain the energy expended, and it is usually in too much of a hurry, or too busy talking, to give serious attention to its

meals, but it has a tendency to take food that is too heating (fats) and to take wine with it. This adds to the natural excitability of the sign, and increases the danger of fevers, cerebral hemorrhage, and like illnesses. Alcohol should be taken very sparingly at all times by Aries.

Taurus needs good, solid, plain food to maintain the reserve strength which is one of the features of the sign, but it tends to over-indulge and to avoid the exercise necessary to ensure the assimilation of a large quantity. This, combined with its liking for fats and sugars, often leads it into uncomfortable obesity in middle age. The sign produces both gourmets and gourmands, and it was probably a Taurean who, when a diet was prescribed for him, asked whether he should take it before or after meals. There is little in the way of food that comes amiss to Taurus, and it needs restriction in the amount rather than in the kinds of foods eaten. Fresh fruits and salads, and plenty of water between meals, are necessary to Taurus, to counteract the natural and induced sluggishness of its functions.

Gemini needs light food, in small quantities, under pleasant conditions, and on an undisturbed stomach. Its powers of assimilation are greatly affected by its state of mind and surroundings, and it should never be forced to eat when nervous, worried, angry, or overtired. Rest before a meal is more important than after for Gemini children, and they should never be scolded or upset or excited just before or while taking food. They are the sort of children who are sick at parties, on journeys, and at other inconvenient moments, through sheer nervousness or excitement. Gemini needs the smallest quantity of meat at any time, more suitable proteins for it being fish (which contains the valuable nerve food phosphorus), chicken, and eggs, but it should be given as much milk as it can absorb. Butter and cream are also good for Gemini, so long as the position of Jupiter in the horoscope does not indicate a tendency to biliousness. Cheese and other highly concentrated foods are not suitable, nor

are patent medicines; it requires everything in small doses. It does very well on a vegetarian diet, provided such contains plenty of vitamin B.

Cancer is a very difficult sign in regard to food. It has many whims and fancies, takes irrational likes and dislikes, and generally shows a great lack of common sense in choosing its food. It is very fond of sweet things, and will indulge in them even when it knows that unpleasant results will follow. It likes to nibble titbits of cake and sweet at odd times, and seldom wants its meals at regular hours. Its appetite and digestion are greatly affected by the emotions of the moment, and Cancer should never eat while under emotional stress. It should be very moderate in taking stimulants (including tea and coffee), as poisons very quickly enter the blood stream in this sign (as in the other water signs) and are carried to all parts of the organism before they can be eliminated. For the same reason Cancer should beware of shellfish, venison, game which is eaten "high," and any food which it has reason to suspect is contaminated. The dishes must be sufficiently varied and attractive in themselves to arouse the pleasant emotions that are necessary to effective digestion in Cancer, but they should also be plain and wholesome. Water as a beverage does not as a rule appeal to Cancer, which likes something more highly flavoured and with a "kick" in it, but it forms the best drink for this sign and is needed to help clear the blood. One of the dangers of Cancer is a tendency to rely on something with a "kick"—a drink or a food or a patent medicine—to get it going.

Leo needs a good deal of protein, and likes it in the form of meat. It is definitely one of the signs for which a vegetarian diet cannot be recommended. Like the other fire signs, it can eat almost anything, though it has a special liking for rich and expensive foods. It prefers plovers' eggs and champagne to bread and cheese and water, and the leisurely progress of a banquet in suitable surroundings is pleasing to its senses and in consequence stimulating to its diges-

tion. It can live on simple fare if necessary (providing it contains enough nutriment), but Leo tends to bolt such food, considering it too unimportant to merit the serious attention that richer dishes will command. Food eaten dry is best for the fire signs, who are all apt to swallow their food without sufficient mastication. Leo likes wine; however, it is not so much inclined to exceed as Aries, and at the same time can take with safety a larger quantity than the cardinal sign.

Virgo is one of the most difficult signs to cater for, and this sign and Cancer supply the food faddists of the zodiac. Virgo combines the food needs of earth with the susceptibility of air, and adds its own acute observation of externals, its tendency to the *idée fixe*, and its intestinal delicacy to making one of the daintiest, most fastidious, and (to others) most exasperating eaters among the signs. It will not touch any food that it suspects of uncleanness, either in itself or in its preparation, and any slovenliness of service will offend its senses to the point of refusal to eat. It is much interested in the question of diet, and will follow a régime more willingly and meticulously than any other sign, tending to make a ritual and a religion of it. The constitution tolerates poisons in the alimentary canal as unwillingly as the senses tolerate dirt in the food, and Virgo is very quickly made ill by adulterated or contaminated food. It shows a higher percentage of appendicitis cases than any other sign. A vegetarian diet is the best for Virgo, provided it is of the kind that admits eggs, cheese, and milk, which are required for their protein content; the pulses cannot be eaten by Virgo in sufficient bulk to take the place of the meat, fish, and poultry proteins. It is of the first importance that all food eaten by Virgo should be fresh, pure, and clean, and no child with this sign prominent should be forced to take food from which it shrinks. It can detect impurities quicker than any other sign.

Libra is a moderate eater, in all senses. It does not show marked likes or dislikes, it requires a moderate

amount of all the usual foods, it prefers an attractively dressed table and congenial company, but is not unduly disturbed by their lack. It is therefore easy and pleasant to cater for, and usually rewards the caterer by showing appreciation of successful efforts, and tolerance of failures. Libra can indulge itself when the conditions of a meal are attractive enough to tempt it to linger, but its instinct for maintaining a balance and its natural good taste protect it from any grossness. It has a disinclination to take exercise, which encourages the skin and lungs to neglect their part of the work of throwing off impurities, and puts too great a burden on Libra's weak spot, the kidneys. If exercise cannot be obtained, the kidneys should be helped by the drinking of plenty of water between meals, but the cultivation of a habit of briskness in its daily life would be more useful.

Scorpio does not need special diets, but is in greater danger from blood poisoning than any other sign. As with the other water signs, poisons, both from the food eaten and from internal secretions, get into the bloodstream very rapidly, and in the case of Scorpio they are retained there and accumulate slowly until some predisposing cause, possibly very slight in itself, such as an insect bite or a scratch from a nail, will arouse them to activity and cause a serious illness. Scorpio is probably always in a slightly poisoned state, and should therefore be very careful in eating shellfish and similar foods. It should be particularly careful in its drinking. It has a natural taste for the fiery drinks, and because it can keep its head better and show less immediate effect from the taking of alcohol than any other sign, it thinks that no harm is being done, whereas in reality it is absorbing and retaining the poison as no other sign can do, and laying up trouble for itself in the future. Scorpio, while avoiding impure food and alcoholic drinks as much as possible, should concentrate chiefly on the elimination of poisons, by natural and not by violent chemical means, which are useless in clearing the blood. This warning is necessary, as Scorpio has a tendency to adopt violent and dis-

ruptive measures in everything, and does not realise that its strength is often the source of its weaknesses.

Sagittarius, like the other fire signs, is a careless eater. Owing to its mutable quality, its food requirements are less than those of Aries or Leo, but that same mutability gives a variability and a lack of judgment in eating which may in practice work out more disastrously than the carelessness of either of its fellows. Sagittarius will cheerfully follow a Spartan diet while training for the athletics in which it excels, and as cheerfully plunge into a round of banquets as soon as the training is over, nor will it ever bother to notice the difference to its health, or associate cause with effect. It will eat anything at any time, and being of strong constitution, like the other fire signs, can continue this practice for a long time before Nemesis overtakes it. Its natural love of exercise helps to keep it in good health, and will in most cases counteract any overeating into which circumstances may lead it. The only serious tendency which those in charge of young Sagittarians need to guard against is the habit of indiscriminate eating at odd times.

Capricorn likes solid food and is inclined to eat in excess of its need, becoming "set" and heavy in middle life. It is something like Scorpio in the way it accumulates and retains poisons in the system, but with Capricorn the poisons collect in the form of crystals in the muscles and joints, and show as rheumatism and allied ailments. Capricorn should do all that is possible to keep down the acid content of the blood; this means it should not eat too much fat (especially pork or bacon fat), or artificial carbohydrates like cake and sweets, which are incapable of burning up such fats as the body must have (such as milk, butter, and the oil in fish) in an adequate manner. Sugar should be obtained chiefly through fruits (oranges, dates, bananas), beetroot, and honey; starch through such things as potatoes, bananas, and cereals, including brown bread. None of these foods is fattening if eaten in moderation and the right proportions (4 carbohydrate to 2 fat and 2 protein). Capricorn often gets chronic

diseases through faulty elimination; it should watch this and correct it by natural means (fruit juices, green vegetables, and exercise), and not by the chemicals to which, like Scorpio, it inclines. One of the weaknesses of Capricorn is to become too rigid in its habits, and it is well to vary the diet as much as possible. An occasional fast, while drinking plenty of water, is good for Capricorn, and it is one of the signs (Taurus is the other) that should always stop eating before repletion is reached.

Aquarius, being air, does not require a large quantity of food; being fixed (i.e. concentrated) it requires more than Gemini; being absent-minded, it requires watching to see that it does not forget to eat at all. The indifference of Aquarius to meals when absorbed in work or thought makes it a great trial to housewives; when Aquarius is itself the housewife, it is a still greater trial to the rest of the family. When food is put before it, it will eat sparingly, without any conscious thought of what or how much it is eating; if the food is taken away, it will contentedly continue with what it was doing before the interruption occurred. If the food is coarse or bad enough to make an impression on its senses, it will revolt to the extent of refusing to eat, but it is not interested enough to secure proper food for itself. It thrives best on a modified vegetarian diet, which includes eggs and cheese, or one in which fish replaces meat, and, like Gemini, it requires fats to help it combat its susceptibility to cold. But the chief need of Aquarius is to have someone who will serve suitable meals at the proper times and stand over it while it eats them.

Pisces is vague but sensitive to subtleties, and in food it tends to the unnatural and the peculiar. If left to itself it may go to extremes; it will fast for prolonged periods in pursuit of some ideal of asceticism, it will become the slave of opiates or narcotics, it will attach exaggerated value to some unusual food or drink, or, in more normal cases, it just will not bother with food. It is very suggestible, however, and in the early stages can easily be persuaded to follow a normal

course in eating, especially by someone to whom it is emotionally attached. Those in charge of young Pisceans should provide them with a moderate quantity of a plain, ordinary, mixed diet, including meat; a little coarsening does Pisces no harm, the object being to bring it down from the clouds and keep its feet on solid earth. Meals should be eaten in an atmosphere of cheerful materialism, and the menu varied often, so that emotional states do not get associated with any particular article of diet. Milk, water, or fresh fruit juices should be given in preference to coffee, tea, or even cocoa. Pisces is especially susceptible to the subtle action of drugs, and produces all kinds of drug addicts, from the inveterate tea drinker to the opium smoker. It should avoid drugs in all forms, whether in the shape of medicine or otherwise, and if possible never allow itself to be put under an anaesthetic. It can throw off poisons more easily than any of the other signs, and the real danger of drug-taking for Pisces lies in the progressive enfeeblement of a naturally weak will, which may end in a total inability to resist temptation of any kind. The proper remedies for Pisces in ill-health are natural sleep (which can usually be induced by massage), a quiet but active life, plain food, and above all, a healthy emotional environment.

It is undoubtedly true that many of us dig our graves with our teeth, and some (especially among the fire signs) even achieve the paradox of hastening the process by not using their teeth enough. Eating for health's sake seems to be a comparatively new idea; it might be a good plan to try it.

SUMMER WEATHER (GREAT BRITAIN)

By L. PROTHEROE SMITH

THE principal feature of the solar ingress is the position of Jupiter on the lower meridian, closely aspected by six of the other bodies ($\square \odot$, $\square \text{♀}$, $\triangle \text{♂}$, $\square \text{♀}$, $\vee \text{♂}$, $\ast \Psi$).

In these circumstances another very warm summer can safely be anticipated. But whereas the summers of 1933 and 1934 were notably dry as well as hot, a good deal of rain is probable on this occasion (24 M), and it is most unlikely that there will be any repetition of the droughts experienced last year and the year before. The general run of the weather should be characterized by warmth, combined with a generous meed of both sunshine and rainfall, making for a very fruitful and productive season.

Jupiter holds to the trine of the Moon's place at ingress very closely all through July, passing in exact aspect on two occasions. The month will therefore be a warm one, but a fair amount of rain is probable as well as sun (24 M, 24 X).

In August Jupiter advances to the square of Venus's place at ingress, not very far above the ascendant; while Neptune opposes the place of the Moon and sextiles that of Jupiter. Mars meanwhile will have entered Scorpio, to energize the potent radical positions. A very warm month is likely to result; and in the latter part, when Mars overtakes Jupiter, intense heat will occur.

During the first part of September a triple conjunction of Sun, Venus, and Neptune occurs, in sextile to Jupiter's ingress and current positions. Warm but rather unsettled weather is to be expected.

June (22nd-30th).—Temperatures above the average are likely to occur on most days in the latter part of June, and near the 24th conditions will be very warm. In western districts the weather will be rather unsettled more often than not; but in the south and east it should be mainly fair, with only occasional rain or showers.

July.—July will be a warm month for the most part, though conditions are likely to be often unsettled. In the south and east there will be frequent periods of fine, sunny weather; but even here a fair amount of rain will probably occur, while in the west and north the month is likely to be definitely rather wet.

During the first few days conditions are likely to be

warm but unsettled. Rain will occur in most districts, and will be rather heavy in the west and north. Considerable fair periods are probable in the south-east.

Between the 6th and 13th weather should continue warm or rather warm. Further rain is likely in the west and north, but in the south and east fair weather will probably predominate apart from showers. Conditions will become rather windy as the end of the period approaches.

About the 14th fairly general rain is probable, accompanied or quickly followed by a sharp drop in temperature. Rather cool, cloudy weather will prevail for a short time afterwards, with occasional rain.

Between the 19th and the 22nd weather will be rather warm; but it is likely to be unsettled and thunderstorms are not improbable.

From the 23rd to 27th rather warm and unsettled conditions are likely, though prolonged sunny periods should occur in the south and east.

Cooler weather will prevail between the 28th and 30th, and it is likely to be mainly fair. Temperature will probably be rising on the 31st.

August.—August will be mostly very warm; but as in July, conditions are likely to be rather frequently unsettled, more especially in western districts. Thunderstorms will occur at times, and during the first half of the month the weather will often be windy.

In the opening days conditions will be warm, and probably rather unsettled in the west; but fair periods should predominate elsewhere.

Thundery disturbances will develop between the 4th and 9th, and some severe storms are probable, accompanied by strong squally winds. Heavy downpours will result in numerous districts, but there will be sunny intervals.

Between the 10th and 14th weather will be warm and windy and rather unsettled, especially in the west and north. Prolonged fair periods may be expected in the south and east.

During the third week of the month the weather should be mainly warm, but cooler conditions are

probable temporarily about the 20th. Sunshine and showers will both be experienced.

From the 23rd to 27th weather will be very hot indeed, and it is likely that the highest temperatures of the summer will be recorded at this time. Conditions should be mainly fine and sunny in the south and east, while occasional rain is probable elsewhere. Thunder may develop locally.

Rain, perhaps accompanied by thundery squalls, is probable about the 28th, and temperature will fall. Conditions will soon become warm again, however, with showers and sunny periods at the end of the month.

September (1st-23rd).—During the first half of September the weather will be warm, but only occasionally really hot; there being no recurrence of the previous very high temperatures. A good deal of rain is likely to occur at times in the west and north, and in other districts too conditions will often tend to be rather unsettled. Fair weather will frequently prevail, however, in the south and east.

The first few days are likely to be warm. In western districts weather will be unsettled; but in the south and east mainly fair conditions are probable apart from showers. Strong winds may occur along the west and north-west seaboard about the 2nd-3rd.

Between the 6th and 10th conditions will be warm, but on the whole unsettled. Rain is likely to be rather heavy at times in the west and north, while elsewhere there will be considerable bright periods.

From the 11th to the 14th mainly fair warm weather should prevail in the south and east; rather unsettled conditions being likely in the west and north.

Near the 15th temperature is likely to fall substantially, and conditions will tend to assume an autumnal character. Rain will accompany the onset of the cooler weather, after which there should be an improvement. Some rain is probable towards the 20th, however.

About the 22nd-23rd the weather should be mainly fair, though perhaps rather windy; and it is likely to have become warmer.

MEDICAL DATA

FEMALE—October 6, 1887, 1.30–2 p.m. (E.S.T.), 42° N. 73° W.

Operated on for cancer of the breast in August 1934. Progressed $\odot \varphi \Psi$, progressed $\succ \square \Psi$. \hbar by transit afflicting. E. M. K.

Female—January 27, 1893, 12–1 a.m., 42° N. 71° W.

Is now in hospital for tuberculosis. Has had operation for collapse of right lung—the operation where portions of rib are removed. This occurred the middle of December 1934. She has had an arrested case of T.B. since 1919—during her second pregnancy spots were discovered on the lung. Between then and last July (1934), when she entered the hospital, she has had periods when the doctors feared trouble and made her go through a “rest” regime. E. M. K.

Child—February 13, 1935, at 1.40 a.m., Nuneaton, 1° 22' W., 52° 33' N. Died on February 16, 1935, at 1.40 a.m., of internal bleeding. H. S. K.

ECHOES THAT STILL RING TRUE

FROM the preface to Coley's *Key to Astrology New Filed*, written in 1676:—

“One grand Reason (I suppose) that hath occasioned many ingenious persons to have but low and mean thoughts of Astrology, is this: viz. There are (and hath been) many ignorant and illiterate Professours of each Sex in, and about, this Famous and Flourishing City of London (whose name I shall not mention) that too confidently adventure to set up, with a very small stock of Knowledge in Astrology, for the sake of Gain, and profess themselves Artists, but are not able to perform anything therein according to Art; only stuff their Clyents with many Impertinencies, under pretence of the Language of the Stars, thereby

abusing their Querents, and consequently bringing a scandal upon this so excellent and useful a piece of Learning, and the more noble professors thereof, which hath deterred many persons from the Study of Astrology, that otherwise might (perhaps) have proved good proficient therein. I speak not this out of any prejudice I have to their persons, nor in the least to advantage my own Interest, for I am a lover of Art and those that (without abuse) do use it."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLUTO AND FREEDOM

From CYRIL FAGAN.

Anent the notes on Pluto from my pen, which you published, I have just been reading a short biography of Horace by Stephen Gwynn in his introduction to *The Odes*; birth data are:

Horace (Quintus Horatius Flaccus), born at Venusia on January 11, 65 B.C., when the positions of the planets at noon were as follows:

○ 19 ♄ 30, ♃ 8 ♄ 6, ♀ 7 ♁ 42, ♀ 8 ♄ 48, ♂ 17 ♏ 12
 ♃ 29 ♄ 6, ♃ 15 ♄ 30, ♄ 16 ♃ 42 R, ♄ 26 ♃ 42 R, PL 21 ♄ R (*circa*)
 ♏ 25 ♃ 24.

Horace was born when the Sun was in opposition to Pluto and all the elements of independency, freedom from matrimonial ties, and from the burden of possessions, seem to have been present in his character. Listen to these quotations from the biography: "Writing to his great patron Maecenas, Horace says, 'Take back your gifts if you will; I am grateful for them; but I cannot sell my freedom and my right to be idle—*liberrima otia*—for all the riches of Araby.' Moreover, he says, 'I am too old for fooling; philosophy is the proper study for a man of my years, not poetry. Let me live the contemplative life'—a pretty phrase for *idleness*." Again the biographer tells us: "Not only the most universal of passions (Love ♀) but those other feelings which most strongly move mankind are curiously lacking in Horace. Wifeless and childless, he is the clubman among poets, leading a detached and self-centred existence," and "He liked to sit huddled up with a book by the fire in winter and to lounge in the sun in summer." I think these quotations lend considerable weight to my conclusions in regard to Pluto. The allusion to *idleness* is particularly interesting, as I have the horoscope of a young man who had Pluto rising at birth and he has resisted all efforts to find occupation, prizing his freedom above all things—yet he is quite

penniless. Perhaps the hoboes of America and the tramps of Europe are children of Pluto. I have Pluto near my midheaven at birth, and delight in my own society and was wont to travel *alone* to the Continent or go to the theatres or picture shows by myself. I always desired freedom of action, movement, and thought, and would be bored to distraction by small talk or gossip. I never sought companionship and love to spend hours alone lost in contemplation. I loved to mingle with the crowd but not to be attached to them. Libra is the sign of companionship, while the opposite sign, Aries, is the sign of individual freedom and thus seems a fitting house for Pluto. "Chinese Gordon" was born with Pluto rising in Aries and Sepharial in his *Manual* quotes his character from his dispatches: "You have wives and families; I, thank God, have none . . . to carry myself is enough for me, I want no other baggage." "Find me the man," he wrote, "and I will take him as my help, who utterly despises money, name, glory, honour, one who never wishes to see his home again; one who looks to God as the source of good and the controller of evil; one who has a healthy body and energetic spirit, and one who looks on death as a *release* from misery. And if you cannot find him, *then leave me alone.*"

Transits of Pluto seem to *release* the pent-up energy of the planet it happens to transit. I find that quite a number of inoffensive youths, under the transit of Pluto to their Mars, suddenly became bellicose and joined issue in the civil war in Ireland in the *cause of Liberty* (oh, blessed word!).

Transits of the planets over the radical Pluto affect the freedom of the native. Thus the stationary transit of Jupiter on Pluto *released* legally a young man who was caught in the toils of an adventuress, and his joy was unbounded. In another horoscope the stationary transit of Jupiter on Pluto resulted in the death of a parent, and while the native was naturally sorrowful at the loss, yet in another sense his joy was great, for the parent was a terrible tie and a denial of freedom.

The transit of Neptune to the square of an angular Pluto in the horoscope of another male meant the *surrendering* of years of bachelor liberty for marriage. The change in his life was far from fortunate, as his wife was a very exacting woman and virtually kept him a prisoner in the home and deprived him of all the interests that made life worth while to him. Curiously, Neptune in transit is in a sense the antithesis of Pluto, for he makes one bend under the yoke or else submit to flight or exile.

In a few cases I have observed that the Pluto transit over Jupiter has *released* all the pent-up joy for years denied to the native. Usually it is marked by unprecedented success or the receipt of money which releases from years of struggling poverty. On the other hand the transit of Pluto across Saturn has the opposite effect and releases all the inmates of Pandora's box, bringing the long shadows into a life that has been all sunshine, as instance the case of Oscar Wilde.

From M. MATTHEWS.

I note that Queen Marie of Roumania had \odot p. exact δ PL r. when she married the Crown Prince Ferdinand on January 9, 1893, thus bearing out Cyril Fagan's views on directions of the luminaries to that planet.

In her fascinating autobiography recently published she tells of the tragic isolation and loneliness she then felt, being torn from her loved country and family to go to a far, unknown land. I recommend students to read it and study the many striking directions and transits of her map that I give. When she became Queen in October 1914, the \odot p. was \uparrow 15 on ascendant radical. Roumania entered the war on August 27, 1916, when her ruler \downarrow p. was in $19\frac{1}{2}$ \mathbb{M} , in square to \mathbb{H} , \mathbb{H} , r., with her \odot p. in \uparrow 19 when the royal family returned in triumph to Bucharest at the end of the war.

When the King of Yugoslavia (her daughter's husband), was assassinated last October her \mathbb{J} , by $\frac{1}{4}$ measure, was δ PL, with \mathbb{H} , \downarrow p., close to the square aspect of it.

She was born on October 29, 1875, 10.30 a.m., at Eastwell Park, Kent.

X	XI	XII	I	II	III
\cong	\mathbb{M}	\mathbb{M}	\uparrow	\mathbb{V}	\mathbb{X}
16 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	29	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	10
\odot \mathbb{M}	\mathbb{J} \mathbb{M}	\mathbb{Q} \mathbb{M}	\mathbb{Q} \mathbb{M}	\mathbb{Q} \mathbb{M}	\mathbb{Q} \mathbb{M}
5.36	7.55	7.27 R	14.58	3.38	
\downarrow \mathbb{M}	\mathbb{H} \mathbb{M}	\mathbb{H} \mathbb{Q}	Ψ \mathbb{Q}	PL \mathbb{Q}	
10.41	19.27	19.40	1.33 R	22.49 R	

She gives the birth-time of her son, King Carol, as 1 a.m., October 15, 1893, near Bucharest.

Her husband, King Ferdinand, was born on August 24, 1865, in Germany. He died in 1927.

From A. PARKES.

Mr. Cyril Fagan's article on Pluto in the last number of *Astrology* is very interesting and illuminating, but I do wonder if something of the influence of Neptune is not being given to Pluto. In a map known to me these two planets are in conjunction; when the Sun progressive came to the conjunction of Neptune radical there was the aloofness, isolation, both mental and physical, said to belong to Pluto; but when four years later the progressed Sun came to the conjunction of the radical Pluto these influences were not in evidence.

THE POTENCY OF TRANSITS

From "F. 2/38."

Mr. Cyril Fagan will be interested in the following remarkable example of the potency of transits.

My birth Saturn is in Virgo 2.42 in the 10th. On March 8, 1935, Saturn was in 2.39 Pisces at noon, and 2.46 Pisces the following noon, thus making the transit, Saturn opposition birth Saturn, on that day.

This is the only day in every thirty years such a transit takes place.

On that day I was called before a Rates Court on account of arrears of rates, a not unusual occurrence for me. On this occasion, however, matters took an unexpectedly bad turn and I found myself called upon to pay £13 at once or to be committed for fourteen days to prison.

At the exact hour when Saturn completed its opposition to birth Saturn to the nearest minute of arc, I found myself an inmate of Brixton Gaol.

At the time, Uranus was in Aries 29.1, or within half a degree of the opposition to my ascending degree at birth. I was sentenced at 2.45 p.m., when the R.A. was 1.47, and Aries 29 was on the midheaven.

My release was effected by my wife at 9 p.m. on March 13th, with R.A. 8.20 and Libra 24.50 on the ascendant. Mars, ruler of the 7th, had just risen in Libra 23.17, and Uranus was again closely angular.

I have always considered Uranus, which is closely angular in my birth map, is associated with the number 13. I was called upon to pay £13. My cell number was 2/38 (equals 13), and I was released on the 13th.

The figure 8, relating to Saturn, comes into the picture also, for I was sentenced on the 8th, and £8 was the sum required in order to effect my release.

HINDU ASTROLOGY—AN OFFER

From "SAGITTAR."

I am glad to renew my subscription to *Astrology*, which was very interesting the past year, especially the cuspal controversy. Shall we some time hear from one of the Zariel students, who might explain the method of division equally from the M.C.? Then *all* the evidence would be in.

In the December 1934 issue, Mr. Nixon stated in his article on house division that astrology originally came from India. Your footnote said you would like proof. Real proof of anything is often very hard to produce. In the late Sepharial's book, *The Science of Foreknowledge*, you can see, however, that he was inclined to agree with Mr. Nixon. (See chapter headed "Indian Astrology.")

Sepharial also said this: "Put competent Hindu astrologers to the test on their own lines, and I venture to say they will repeat my experience and produce better result with less labour than we by our methods." This is on page 65 of *The Science of Foreknowledge*.

No doubt we can do better, have gone much farther, in the matters of character and psychology; but for taking the natus

and reading the events of the life I have reasons for believing the Hindus can easily surpass us.

So, if you believe enough students would be interested to warrant it, I offer a pound for the best article or letter on Hindu astrology. My only stipulation is that it must be brief and practical to our knowledge; perhaps it should avoid Hindu terms, except where necessary; and you are to be sole judge, using, as you see fit, any or all of letters or articles submitted.

Immediately on hearing favourably from you, I shall be glad to remit the amount named.

HAUPTMANN'S TIME

From LAURIE PRATT.

It just occurred to me that your readers would probably like to know that the speculative chart given by me in your March issue has been proven authentic by the receipt by the editor of *American Astrology* of the radiogram from Mrs. Hauptmann stating that her son was born at 1 p.m. on November 26, 1899. So the date is correct also.

Here is the text of her cabled message to Mr. Clancy, the editor, as published (facsimile) in his April 1935 issue:

"Son Bruno born Sunday, 26 November, 1899, afternoon, 13 o'clock.

"MRS. HAUPTMANN."

PROPAGANDA; THE NATUS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES

From "URANIDES."

Regarding your remarks on the conversion of non-believers to the astrological faith, it is to be feared that we shall have to improve the general standard of our work considerably before we can hope to do this, except here and there.

Only recently I was reading, in an old number of *Modern Astrology*, the remarks of Sepharial on the natus of the Prince of Wales, then just born. We have here a case in which the time of birth was certain within a very narrow limit, and Sepharial was acknowledged to be a leading astrologer. Yet his remarks, read in the light of subsequent events, are not impressive.

He doubted whether the Prince would survive infancy; he added that he would always spend far more than he received, and finally he stated that the nativity was so commonplace that little or nothing could be said about it.

Now, without flattering royal blood, one must admit that H.R.H. is hardly a commonplace personality. Apart from accidents, his health appears to have been good, and scandal, which tells many lies and some truths about royalty, has never to my knowledge suggested that he is extravagant.

Why Sepharial should postulate a commonplace character when

the ruler, Venus, and Mars, are in their own signs, and the ruler is also trine Jupiter and Neptune—which two bodies are both part-rulers also—I cannot say. The ability to spend money he derived, no doubt, from Mars, erroneously considered to be in the 2nd house in square to the Sun in the 5th. Campanus places Mars where it should be—in the 1st, denoting a bold temper and even a rather reckless physical courage.

Be the reasons what they may, such a delineation is not likely to make converts to astrology. There are several unusual features about the Prince's character and career that the sceptic might reasonably expect astrology to have detected, but which Sepharial certainly failed to perceive.

This is not written to discredit astrology, but to demonstrate that, instead of blaming sceptics, we ought to work hard to improve our own methods, until scepticism becomes plainly impossible.

NOTE by EDITOR.—Sepharial's mistake on the point of extravagance seems an example of fastening on one point and omitting to allow for the wider aspects of the map. \odot in ϖ and a h sign rising would not favour wastefulness wherever ♂ might be mundanely. One would be more likely to find (supposing ♂ were in the 2nd) that the native would lose heavily in some way beyond his own control.

THE VERNAL EQUINOX IN SOUTHERN LATITUDES

From M. FREMANTLE LANE.

The student-astrologer in the southern hemisphere is constantly faced with references to the Vernal Equinox couched in terms similar to the following:

"This is the time of the bursting of bud and of the running of sap in the trees. . . . The resurrected life that floods all nature is the 'magic green fire' of the ancient Gaelic legends," etc., *ad lib.*

Now, how does this, the essential *spirit* of the springtime of the north, affect us in the south, where we are, at that season of the year, faced with the falling leaf and the beginning of the autumn *yellow*?

We quite follow all explanations hitherto given us as to the fact of the zodiac being an intellectual concept, and so on, but they do not appear exactly to answer the question as to the true esoteric significance. Is it, perhaps, that with the outrush of objective creative impulse in the north, the south receives a corresponding *subjective* impetus, and vice versa, at the autumnal equinox?

As astrological study circles in this country are sorely perplexed, may I beg you kindly to earn their gratitude by presenting them with a clear and detailed solution of what is, to them, a very real problem indeed and one which they are intensely keen to come to grips with?

I should like to add that your magazine and books are used by the Capetown Astro Club and very highly esteemed by its members.

INTERESTING DATA

From DA COSTA E. WILLIAMS.

I have not noticed a data sheet in your magazine for some time, either because of lack of it or the want of room; at any event I am sending you some interesting cases which you can publish.

This group of three births, a girl and two boys, was taken from the *New York Times*, so is quite reliable. The first child being born so close to the spring quarter may be of interest.

On Thursday, March 21, 1935, at 1.25 E.S.T., a girl weighing four pounds was born. The mother, still showing unusual symptoms, was taken to the hospital, where an X-ray revealed that two more children were soon to be born.

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, at 1.17 E.S.T., a boy was born, weighing four pounds, and 18 minutes later a second boy was born, weight the same.

Mother and children were all doing fine when last heard about. The longitude of these births was 80.30 W. and the latitude 41.15 N.

A case of deafness, a girl born deaf and also has defective speech which she is overcoming by lip-reading. Is very strong and seems in good health. Born June 29, 1921, at noon, in latitude 41 N. and longitude 81.30 W. Time is E.S.T., giving an ascendant of 0.45 \approx and M.C. 1.00 \approx .

A boy, who was instantly killed, being hit by an automobile on April 6, 1934, at 5.10 E.S.T. The child was thrown about fifty feet along the highway when hit by the car, being most terribly crushed and several bones were broken. He was the youngest of four children. Father works for an oil company. The cause of the accident came through a little fun; one of his brothers threw a stick across the pavement and this child darted after it and at the time a car being driven at a high rate of speed came along. Neither the mother nor the other brothers saw it until too late. This boy was born on December 4, 1927, at 1.00 E.S.T. at longitude 79.48 W. and latitude 41.38 N., giving 24.00 III rising and 23.00 II on M.C. One will note that H is very close to being opposite the ascendant and perhaps a slight correction of the birth time would make it closer, which often points to some form of public torture or death. A case which has received much publicity had a similar condition; the child has suffered from infantile paralysis and is unable to get about, being bedfast.

 BOOK REVIEWS

Astrological Prediction, by P. J. HARWOOD. Price 5s. from the author, at "Corona," Ovingdean, Brighton.

Those who have read Mr. Harwood's previous works will be glad to know that he has now issued a book on the predictive side of

astrology. It is impossible to do justice to it in a short review, for it deals not only with prediction, but also covers such useful matters as the calculation of the prenatal epoch, rectification, and so on. Such questions as sign rulerships, decanates, etc., are explained with the author's usual clarity, and we get a clear conception of the basis of various directional methods—secondaries (pre-birth and post-birth), transits, life periods, and their co-ordination. Practical examples are given, and the student cannot fail to grasp the principles as seen by Mr. Harwood. Some of his assumptions will not find ready acceptance, yet they should be given due consideration in view of the author's deep thought and reasoned conclusions upon the science. I refer not so much to his personal opinions as to the rulerships of the outer planets, the strength of parallels and minor aspects, or the limits of orbs, but to the more fundamental assumptions—recessional or pre-birth directions, the use of the Ptolemaic house system, and the simplified method of ascertaining the prenatal epoch. As regards the pre-birth directions, these I can support without hesitation, having incorporated them in my own practice for many years with abundant proof of their efficacy, and would advise every student seriously to study them. The question of house division is an unsettled one at present, with the discarding of the semi-arc system by so many astrological leaders, but the so-called Ptolemaic method has several claims to a hearing, and these are given by Mr. Harwood. His arguments for the calculation of the prenatal epoch, however, appear doubtful. Certainly they are delightfully facile, and one could wish they were unassailable, but when they give a birth-time 16 minutes *later* than the Royal Proclamation in King Edward's case, which is cited as an example, one naturally hesitates. Births may quite understandably be *earlier* than noted times, but lateness in official times, especially to such an extent, is more than unusual. And I doubt if professionals would make an adequate living if their predictive work had to include the calculation and judgment, not only of pre-birth and post-birth plus pre-epoch and post-epoch, but also their intercrossed directions! These are matters every keen student must decide for himself, however, and no modern astrologer will be truly *au fait* with his subject until he has perused Mr. Harwood's book and tested the ideas therein.

ALEX. SIM.

Aphorismes sur l'Astrologie et la Divination, by HENRI CANDIANI.
Le Livre Documentaire, 15 rue du Sommar, Paris. Price 7f. 50c.

A brochure setting out the author's very original view of astrology in aphoristic form. Concise as the work itself is, it is not easy to abridge it further.

M. Candiani is a strict determinist and appears to have a rather angry contempt for philosophical considerations on this or other matters. The freedom of the will is "ce fantôme théologique" and

metaphysical speculations are "vaines" as a matter of course. We cannot help thinking that the matter is not to be so easily disposed of. If the freedom of the will is a phantom, must not reason be of very much the same tenuous character, and if so, what shall we say of the writers of books and those who read them? What faculty can they employ to these ends?

The writer assimilates astrological divination with that more direct branch of prognostication which uses tea-cups and coffee-grounds; the astrologer studies certain influences mathematically whilst the diviner senses or "intuits" them directly by means of peculiar powers. Every individual has an astrological totality which embraces his character and also his destiny; this last, according to M. Candiani, is as much character as a bad temper. It is quite true, I think, that we cannot separate the one from the other in astrology.

The author also brings forward the conception of the "Cassandra complex." It will be recalled that Cassandra was a daughter of Priam, who, having obtained the power of foreseeing the future from Apollo, thereafter refused to fulfil her part of the bargain and was punished with meeting perpetual disbelief for her forecasts—a fate which, surely, does not always befall astrologers. M. Candiani tells us that, long before events are astrologically due to appear, there is a corresponding activity in the unconscious to bring a perception of them into the conscious, but that this is repressed by the inherent fear of the future which is in all minds, due to its being instinctively related to the idea of death. Certain clairvoyants can, in the presence of those with whom they are *en rapport*, read this unconscious activity and so (each individual being free from repression so far as others are concerned) can often interpret the activity and read what is about to come to pass.

One of the most thought-provoking books ever written about astrology and one which we should much like to see in English, even if we do not entirely accept the author's point of view.

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